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BIDS BY NTPC FOR GAS BASED POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has invited fresh bids for four gas based power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether bids for these projects were also invited twice earlier;

(d) if so, the reasons for not taking any decision on the bids at that time;

(e) the names of parties which submitted their bids at that time and this time; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to finalise the bids in respect of these power projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is inviting fresh bids shortly on International Competitive Bidding (ICB) basis for Main Plant Packages in respect of Anta-II, Auraiya-II, Kawas-II and Gandhar-II Combined Cycle Power Projects.

c) : NTPC received bids for Anta-II and Auraiya-II earlier in March, 1999. However, only one bid was received and that too did not comply with the tender requirement of opening of bids. Therefore, the bid was returned unopened to the bidder. In view of the poor response in Anta-II and Auraiya-II, the bid opening of Kawas-II and Gandhar-II was extended. Subsequently, after modifications to the bidding documents, bids for Anta-II, Auraiya-II, Kawas-II and Gandhar-II were received by NTPC in June, 1999.

(d) to (f) : Two bids were received from bidders, namely, M/s BHEL and M/s Asia Brown Boveri (ABB) against ICB in respect of Main Plant Packages for Kawas-II and Gandhar-II whereas only one bid from M/s BHEL was received against Main Plant Packages for Anta-II and Auraiya-II.

Considering the vital national importance of these projects and with a view to avoid any further loss of time, NTPC was advised by the Ministry in public interest to finalise the bids by negotiating with the bidders on the basis of a legal opinion taken from the Additional Solicitor General. However, NTPC, taking into account certain major deviations on various specifications and requirements, treated both be bids as non-responsive and have decided to go for rebidding after reviewing the bidding conditions and providing adequate time to the bidders for better competition and response.